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PHOTOTHERMOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

March 4, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 4, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A photothermographic material comprising a non-photosensitive silver salt of an organic acid, a photosensitive silver halide, a reducing agent for silver ions and a binder on one surface of a support, which comprises at least one compound represented by the following formula (I) and at least one compound satisfying both (iv) and at least one of (i) to (iii):